Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

"I'd like to be able to once again feel I can trust stations that claim to carry "news" as real news, not propaganda! Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please help the US keep it's "free press" free and allow citizens to take straight reporting and make up their own minds! Please! I want to insist that I have the ability to view the John Kerry Up River piece via free airtime as well for balance and fairness if you insist on upholding Sinclair's decision. Use some "checks and balances" in your decision making, for heaven's sake! Thank you.

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